

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL  
PARTIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2012

**PRESENT**

JIM RILEE	)	CHAIRMAN
KURT ALSTEDDE	)	COUNCIL MEMBERS
TRACY CARLUCCIO	)	
TIMOTHY P. DOUGHERTY	)	
MICHAEL R. DRESSLER	)	
MICHAEL FRANCIS	)	
BRUCE JAMES	)	
JAMES MENGUCCI	)	
CARL RICHKO	)	
MICHAEL SEBETICH	)	
MICHAEL TFANK	)	
JAMES VISIOLI	)	
RICHARD VOHDEN	)	
ROBERT G. WALTON	)	

**ABSENT**

ROBERT HOLTAWAY )

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Rilee called the 112<sup>th</sup> meeting of the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council to order at 4:05 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call was taken. Council Members Holtaway and Dougherty were absent. All other Council Members were present.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Mr. Borden announced that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6. The Highlands Council sent written notice of the time, date, and location of this meeting to pertinent newspapers or circulation throughout the State and posted notice on the Highlands Council website.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was then recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

*Mr. Richko introduced a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Mengucci seconded it.*

*All members present voted to approve. The minutes were APPROVED 12-0 with an abstention by Mr. James.*

*Mr. Dougherty was present at 4:13pm.*

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**Resolution - Approval of Sustainable Agriculture Grant to Sussex County**

Chairman Rilee introduced the Resolution to approve a \$15,000 Sustainable Agriculture Grant to Sussex County for their commercial kitchen project. Mr. Vohden advised Chairman Rilee that he was recusing himself from this matter as he serves as a Sussex County Freeholder. Mr. James made a motion to approve the Resolution and Ms. Carluccio seconded it.

After public comment and Council discussion, the resolution was APPROVED 12-0 with abstentions from Mr. Vohden and Mr. Walton.

**Resolution - Position of the Executive Director of the Highlands Council**

Chairman Rilee introduced the Resolution to commend Executive Director Swan for her service and to remove her from her position. Mr. Alstede made a motion to approve the Resolution and Mr. Vohden seconded it.

After extensive public comment and Council discussion, the resolution was APPROVED 9-5. In favor of removing Ms. Swan included Council Members Alstede, Dougherty, Francis, James, Mengucci, Tfank, Vohden, Walton and Chairman Rilee. Opposed to the removal of Ms. Swan included Council Members Carluccio, Dressler, Richko, Sebetich and Visioli.

Mr. Vohden made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Mengucci seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a portion of the minutes of the meeting of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council.

Date: 4/20/12

Name: Annette Tagliareni  
Annette Tagliareni, Executive Assistant

**Vote on the Approval of This Resolution**

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Alstede						✓
Councilmember Carluccio			✓			
Councilmember Dougherty						✓
Councilmember Dressler			✓			
Councilmember Francis		✓	✓			
Councilmember Holtaway					✓	
Councilmember James	✓		✓			
Councilmember Mengucci			✓			
Councilmember Richko						✓
Councilmember Sebetich			✓			
Councilmember Tfank			✓			
Councilmember Visioli			✓			
Councilmember Vohden			✓			
Councilmember Walton			✓			
Chairman Rilee			✓			